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[redacted] Steve Moran, in the office of Senator George A. Smathers, called and said the Senator would like to know the date when Cuban exiles were first trained in Central America. Moran said he thought it was in 1960. After checking with

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[redacted] I advised Moran he was correct, that the date was 1960. I did not give him anything more specific.

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[redacted] Bob Michaels, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, called and raised two questions regarding deletions from the testimony of Secretary of Defense McNamara recommended by this Agency. One pertained to the deletion of specific dates between the 18th and 22nd of October. The other was a statement by Representative Gerald Ford quoting the Director as saying Assistant Secretary of State George Ball was "completely wrong" in parts of his testimony before the Kitchin Committee. [redacted] who made the deletions was put in direct contact with Michaels and compromise language was agreed upon.

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[redacted] [redacted] called to say that the Department of Defense has asked OCR for assistance in responding to two questions out of 49 levied on General Fitch by Senator Thurmond. One is that we provide all reports which we have received on the storage of Soviet missiles in caves in Cuba. The other is a request for an intelligence report published in September 1962 or later which estimated the number of Soviet troops and technicians in Cuba to be in excess of 30,000 with facilities and installations to house 50,000. Borel was alerting us to this request. I indicated some concern about this and said we would be in touch with him later. Meanwhile, Borel is having his people pull this material together. (Borel mentioned in passing that OCR had provided DIA with a substantial amount of material of a similar nature for General Carroll's testimony before the Preparedness Subcommittee.)

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25X1 [] Talked with Representative Donald M. Fraser concerning his letter of 9 March. I explained to him that the very vague story related to him by his constituent was not sufficient for us to be of any real assistance. The Congressman readily understood this and said he would try to develop more details. Otherwise, we had a very pleasant chat about the Agency and its place in the Government. He is to call further if he needs assistance.

25X1 [] Received from House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee three more transcripts of testimony by DOD for security review. All transcripts previously received have been reviewed and returned to the Subcommittee. Additional review of certain items in transcripts previously reviewed by the Agency was requested by Mr. Henry Glass, Comptroller, Office of Secretary of Defense. After checking with [] the items were verified with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee staff.

25X1 [] Accompanied [] and introduced him to Mr. James Kendall, Counsel, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee. In keeping with the Chairman's request, [] was to start on the study this morning. At such time as funds are available to the Subcommittee, [] will be placed on their rolls as a temporary employee and appropriate Agency action will be completed.

25X1 [] Advised [] that no further action is anticipated with regard to the letter of March 2 from Mr. Allen Stone forwarded by Senator Frank J. Lausche (D., Ohio) on 5 March.

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